

IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
FOR THE WESTERN DISTRICT OF WISCONSIN

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RANDY L. HANSON,

Petitioner,

v.

ORDER  
07-C-539-S

MICHAEL J. ASTRUE,  
COMMISSIONER OF SOCIAL SECURITY,

Respondent.

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On September 26, 2007 petitioner filed an action to review the final decision of the respondent Commissioner denying his social security disability benefits. On October 15, 2007 the \$350.00 filing fee was paid by petitioner's counsel.

On November 2, 2007 petitioner requested permission to proceed in forma pauperis pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1915. This statute provides that the Court may authorize the commencement of an action without the prepayment of the filing fee by a person who submits an affidavit of indigency. Petitioner's request is moot because the filing fee has been paid and will not be refunded.

Accordingly, petitioner's request for leave to proceed in forma pauperis will be denied as moot.

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ORDER

IT IS ORDERED that petitioner's request for leave to proceed  
in forma pauperis is DENIED as moot.

Entered this 5th day of November, 2007.

BY THE COURT:

/s/

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JOHN C. SHABAZ  
District Judge